

**AN ORDINANCE  
BY CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 4, SECTION 130-83(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, TO CREATE A MINIMUM COLLECTIONS FEE FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGES; AMENDING SECTION 130-84 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION TO AUTHORIZE A FEE FOR THE USE OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT DURING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, an effective Solid Waste Management Program is a necessary component of the stated policy of the City of Atlanta to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta's Solid Waste Management Program is the responsibility of the Office of Solid Waste Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Solid Waste Services operates as an enterprise fund and must collect fees from its customers to recover the cost of the services provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the City incurs a charge for billing and processing at a cost equal to one dollar per billed parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 17,900 parcels have assessments under five dollars per parcel which are not billed due to the direct, personnel and supply costs associated with issuing de minimus bills, resulting in approximately \$39,500.00 of unbilled annual assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's current collections for both solid waste and recycling are often hampered by private streets, varying street widths, lot locations or non-city standard streets that prevent normal curbside or backyard collection, necessitating the use of specialized equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, certain citizens and communities have requested Solid Waste Services to use specialized equipment when collecting solid waste and recycling in their neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of specialized equipment has caused an increase in the costs of the provision of services of approximately \$301,000 due to the increased costs of personnel, fuel, mileage, and transfer station operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the solid waste enterprise fund is not being reimbursed for its costs associated with either the aforementioned unbilled parcels or the use of specialized collections equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to establish certain fees associated with the provision of the solid waste collection services to the city's residents to appropriately cover the costs of operating and managing the solid waste services operation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That subsection (a) of Section 130-83 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add the following language in a new subsection, said new subsection to be placed and numbered at the discretion of the codifier:

“A minimum assessment of \$5.00 shall be applied to all billable residential units receiving solid waste services.”

**SECTION 2:** That the existing Chapter 130-84 of the City Code of Ordinances is amended to add a new subsection (12) which shall read as follows:

(12)       *Special collections:* Any property otherwise addressed in subsections (1) through (9) of this section, either requesting or requiring special collection equipment or methods where normal curbside collection or backyard collection of solid waste or recyclables is not feasible, shall be subject to an additional fee of \$200.00 annually.

**SECTION 3:** It is specifically intended that all other subsections of Sections 130-83 and 130-84 shall continue to operate as presently codified and are unaffected by this ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** That this ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption and approval by the Mayor or by operation of law.

**Part II: Legislative White Paper:** (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

**A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:**

**Committee of Purview:** City Utilities Committee

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**Council Meeting Date:** May 18, 2009

**Requesting Dept.:** Department of Public Works

**B. To be completed by the department:**

**1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).**

The purpose of this legislation is to amend Sections 130-83 and 130-84 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to create a minimum collections assessment for solid waste service charges, and to create a new subsection to authorize a fee for the use of specialized equipment during solid waste collection, respectively. The special collections fees are for properties that require the use of non-standard collection trucks. These trucks are generally required to collect solid waste from areas with non-city paving or streets.

**2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.**

**3. If Applicable/Known:**

(a) **Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc):**

(b) **Source Selection:**

(c) **Bids/Proposals Due:**

(d) **Invitations Issued:**

(e) **Number of Bids:**

(f) **Proposals Received:**

(g) **Bidders/Proponents:**

(h) **Term of Contract:**

**4. Fund Account Center:**

**5. Source of Funds:**

**6. Fiscal Impact:**

**7. Method of Cost Recovery:**

**This Legislative Request Form Was Prepared By:**

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

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Contact Number: (404) 330-6008

Originating Department: Department of Public Works

Committee(s) of Purview: City Utilities Committee

Chief of Staff Deadline: April 14, 2009

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): April 28, 2009

Anticipated Full Council Date: May 18, 2009

Legislative Counsel's Signature: Stefanie Grant 

Commissioner Signature: 


Chief Procurement Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

CAPTION

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Mayor's Staff Only  
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